

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

**of**

**October 20, 2004**

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The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Rosenfeld at 10:05 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Chairman Rosenfeld.

William J. Keese	Absent
Arthur Rosenfeld	Present
James D. Boyd	Present
John L. Geesman	Present
Jackalyne Pfannenstiel	Present

1. CONSENT CALENDAR. (Items on the Consent Calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A Commissioner may request that an item be discussed and moved to later on the agenda).
  - a. COMMISSION CO-SPONSORSHIPS. Possible approval of two co-sponsorships requests for which the Energy Commission will provide money, staff time, travel expenses and the use of its name for the following events:
    - Annual Border Energy Forum Conference, \$3,000, October 21-22, 2004, Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico.
    - Weststart-Calstart “2020: California’s Transportation Energy Future” Conference, \$3,000, December 2, 2004, Los Angeles.
  - b. HIGH DESERT POWER PROJECT, LLC. Possible approval of a petition to modify air quality conditions of certification for the High Desert Power Project relating to startup of the combustion turbines and other technical changes. Docket No. 97-AFC-1C.
  - c. WILDFLOWER LARKSPUR ENERGY FACILITY. Consideration and possible approval of a petition to change the operator for the Larkspur Energy Facility from InterGen Operating Company, LLC to DGC Operations, LLC. (Docket No. 01-EP-01C) Contact:.
  - d. WILDFLOWER INDIGO ENERGY FACILITY. Consideration and possible approval of a petition to change the operator for the Indigo Energy Facility for InterGen Operating Company, LLC to DGC Operations, LLC. (Docket No. 01-EP-02C)

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of the Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

2. BLYTHE ENERGY TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT. Request to assign a Committee for the Blythe Energy, LLC's request to amend the Commission Decision and modify the power plant project for the development of new transmission lines. (Docket No. 99-AFC-8C)

*Commissioner Boyd moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of a Committee with Commissioner Geesman presiding and Chairman Keese as the second member. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

3. LOS ESTEROS CRITICAL ENERGY FACILITY, LLC. Possible approval of a petition from Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility, LLC to allow the project to remain with its existing transmission tap line connection to the PG&E Los Esteros Substation. (Docket No. 01-AFC-12C).

*This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*

4. NATURAL GAS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN. Possible adoption of a Commission resolution delegating responsibility to the Commission's R&D Committee for coordinating the preparation of the natural gas R&D plan due to the California Public Utilities Commission October 31, 2004.

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Pfannenstiel seconded approval of the Resolution delegating responsibility to the R&D Committee. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

5. CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION REGISTRY. Possible approval of a grant for \$200,000 to the California Climate Action Registry to support development of industry-specific software modules, recruitment of additional Registry participants and development of a GHG portfolio risk pilot project. (PIER funded)

*Commissioner Boyd moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of the grant. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

6. NEW POWER TECHNOLOGIES. Possible approval of Contract 500-04-008 for \$5,449,012 to expand the demonstration of a methodology to quantify the potential for increased network efficiency, reliability and improved performance from distributed energy resources on a complex utility system. (PIER funded)

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Pfannenstiel seconded approval of Contract 500-04-008 and the amendment of the amount of the contract to \$5,428,118. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

7. CALIFORNIA POWER AUTHORITY. Possible approval of an Memorandum of Understanding 400-04-005, transferring management of the Demand Reserves Partnership Program (DRPP) from the California Power Authority to the Energy Commission. This also authorizes the Executive Director to execute future contracts for the transfer program.

*This item was moved to the November 3, 2004 Business Meeting.*

8. Minutes

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Pfannenstiel seconded approval of the Minutes from the October 6, 2004 business meeting. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

9. Commission Committee and Oversight

*Commissioner Geesman stated the IEPR would be posted on the Commission's Web site at 5 p.m. tonight and will be brought before the entire Commission at the November 3, 2004 business meeting for possible approval.*

10. Chief Counsel's Report

*Assistant Chief Counsel Jonathan Blees informed the Commissioners that Chief Counsel Bill Chamberlain was in Vancouver, BC, for meetings of the Western Interstate Energy Board and other regional entities. He also requested a closed session to discuss litigation matters.*

11. Executive Director's Report

*Executive Director Bob Therkelsen discussed Item 7, California Power Authority. He stated that he intended to have the matter heard at the November 3, 2004 business meeting; details of the transfer were still being worked out, as this program is important and needs to be continued.*

*Mr. Therkelsen also mentioned that several staff members were in Vancouver this week working on energy resource items that affect the entire Western region, and that the Governor's office wants a report regarding the Vancouver meetings when the staff returns.*

12. Legislative Director's Report

*No report was given.*

13. Public Adviser's Report

*No report was given.*

14. Public Comment

*No public comments were received.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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BETTY A. McCANN  
Secretary to the Commission